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YET MORE FOLLY.

The latest development of political folly is the call upon the Legislative Assembly for an appropriation of \$30,000 for foreign missions. These missions, be it understood, are radically different from what church-going people understand as foreign missions. These latter are usually accepted as bona fide expeditions sent out by enlightened communities for the illumination of the barbarous inhabitants of less favored regions. And apart from any expression of opinion on the merits of religious foreign missions in themselves, there is this much at least to say in their favor, that whether their object be to gather flocks into the Protestant, the Roman Catholic or the Mormon fold, they are organized and prosecuted with a definite object in view. So much does not seem possible to be alleged of the Hawaiian political foreign missions. The purposes they serve in the economy of international civilization are about as indefinite as are the investigations of the Board of Genealogy, and are practically about as barren of results. Granted that, as was announced yesterday, with much gusto, by the ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, a warship was sent here by the "Czar of all the Russias" to compliment this kingdom by investing His Majesty with a fine piece of jewelry worth \$18,000, it does not follow that the Hawaiian Islands are greatly advantaged thereby. The mission cost the treasury in the vicinity of \$20,000, so that the net value of the compliment is represented by a clear loss of \$2,000. Nor does it follow that the present Assembly is called upon to scatter \$30,000 of the public funds over the face of the earth in the form of diplomatic salaries. And there are no indications that any power is, at the present time, angling for the distinction of being officially recognized by the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs, or that any further high compliments are pending this vote of \$30,000. If anything is calculated to degrade this kingdom in the eyes of foreign powers, it is such a vote as the one now proposed, to invest \$30,000 in accrediting Ministers to fish for compliments and glory. Taking the Minister's example of the benefit accruing from the foreign mission business, it appears that the country has to pay more for its whistle than the article is worth.

Among other enterprises in prospect to be provided for out of this \$30,000 is a mission to Samoa. A Hawaiian political instructor is to be sent to Samoa to elucidate in that benighted region the principles of constitutional government. The sublime folly of this scheme is so transparent that it has only to be mentioned to provoke the ridicule and contempt of every nation on the earth. Fancy the representative of the kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands introduced to the British, United States and German Consuls at Apia, Samoa, and informing them of the objects of his embassy, what would follow in case those gentlemen should ask the Hawaiian Minister to relate the story of the appointment of the present Hawaiian Cabinet? The unfortunate diplomat would want at least twenty hours to consider whether he ought to vindicate his country by perpendicular lying or invite the risk of being sent adrift in the nearest canoe. It can readily be imagined the cold sarcasm with which the New York, London and Berlin papers would proceed to debate the question whether to vote the Hawaiian ambassador a fool or the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs a mountebank.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

An Ottawa despatch of July 14th says:—

Sanford Fleming, one of the best civil engineers of Canada, sailed for England to-day on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to confer with the Imperial Government and Australian Agent-General concerning the establishment of cable communication between Canada, Japan and Australia, and to ascertain the amount of annual subsidy which the Colonies will guarantee. Sir Charles Tupper will also receive instructions from the Dominion Government in connection with a similar scheme. This is Fleming's scheme, which the Imperial authorities promise to support. The idea is to lay a cable from Victoria, B. C., thence either to the Aleutian or Sandwich Islands; thence to Yedo, Japan; thence to Hongkong, and from there to Australia, where it is understood here that a cable is to be laid and connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph system.

We are not sufficiently posted in the question to give any information as to the relative physical advantages of the Aleutian and the Hawaiian Islands. In view of the probability of a cable being laid, however, it seems to be well worth while for our Government to consider, while the Legislature is in session, what inducements this kingdom can afford to bring about a decision, on the part of the layers of the cable to make these Islands the central Pacific station.

THE LEGISLATURE.

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men; yet it was entirely unnecessary. It was spoken of in the house last session, that there was no good in it. It had really turned out that it had done them more harm than good. He did not think he could pick out of that more than \$6,000 that he could say was well expended. As remarked, this money was nearly all expended, while appropriations for home wants were nearly all put off. A very small part of the vote for schoolhouses was expended, and he was told it was because the funds were short. Was that the way to get honor for Hawaii, to be in debt at home and send useless representatives abroad? The missionaries who had been sent down to the islands in Micronesia had been a credit to this country, but he believed the best thing they could do was not to send any political missionaries to those islands. Anyone who would read the correspondence published from the Foreign office relating to the sending of representatives to those islands down south would congratulate himself that this country had been so kindly treated and had not been snubbed, and they owed it in the first place to the friendly feeling of those great powers to which representatives had been sent from this country, and in the second place to the skill with which negotiations had been conducted. They had been told in a kindly way that they were too late and that they had better let that sort of thing alone. He thought they would gain much more credit by attending to their affairs at home and not being too ambitious to go abroad when they were not asked. It looked like a very large appropriation even after making the reduction proposed. Credit was taken for reducing it to \$30,000. They used to be satisfied with appropriating three or four or five thousand, and eventually six thousand to meet some exigencies that might arise. After being asked for \$50,000 it might seem very small indeed to appropriate \$6,000, but yet he thought it was quite enough. Rep. Castle did not agree with striking it out altogether, as there should be something for contingencies. He moved to make it \$10,000. He reviewed the expenditures of the Foreign Office, and compared the masquerading of the kingdom abroad, while it was paying heavy interest on debt at home to the "Hawaiian Dandy" going out in fine clothes. Local improvements were neglected for want of money all the while—judging from the American press, the recommendation of the United States, for Hawaii to send a commissioner to Samoa, it appeared the Americans did not have a very fine thing down there and would be very glad to put it off on Hawaii. Supposing they sent a commissioner down to Samoa and he was sent out in a boat, what were they to do about it? Would they go to war with Samoa? He thought he had as much pride in Hawaii as the Minister of Interior had, and was equally proud that she occupied such a high position. He did not think she occupied any higher position because she sent envoys abroad.

Rep. Kaulukou moved the committee rise, which carried, and the house, after adopting the report, adjourned at 4:45 till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY.

THURSDAY, July 22nd.

The Assembly met at 10 A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Chaplain. Present: Ministers Gibson, Creighton, Kanao and Dare; Nobles Walker (President), Kapena, Clegborn, and Martin; Reps. Keau, Liliuokalani, Baker, Brown, Fabia,

Kaunamano, Wight, Nahale, Kauhane, Kalua, Aholo, Kaukau, Richardson, Castle Kaai, Thurston and Paehole. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS.

Rep. Aholo presented a report of the Finance Committee on sundry petitions. 1st, on one from M. Ke-aholo, that \$65 be appropriated for him, or a royal patent be given him for certain land, they find it a just claim and recommend that the amount be granted; 2nd, on a petition from Fire Company No. 4, Honolulu, for a specific appropriation of \$5,000, because it does not get its fair share of the general appropriation, they are of opinion that this is a matter that can be settled by the Minister of Interior, and recommend that the petition be laid on the table; 3rd, on a petition from Kanaupali that the indemnity law be repealed, they say the bill is not yet law, and recommend that the petition be laid on the table; 4th, on a petition from one Waiale, claiming he had been overtaxed, they say he should have resorted to the tax appeal board, and recommend that the petition be laid on the table; 5th, on a petition from Rev. W. P. Kahale, that he be paid \$12 in gold for taxes of that amount paid twice, they find that the matter is as stated, and recommend that an item be inserted to refund the money. Signed by Reps. Aholo, Richardson, Keau and Hayselden.

Rep. Dickey presented the following minority report in the same connection.

The minority of your Finance Committee cannot agree with the majority in their report on the petition from the District of Kanaupali, praying that the Indemnity Bill be indefinitely postponed and the Ministers ordered to refund the money to the treasury.

Upon a careful examination of the bill referred to, we find that all the payments were made in direct contravention of Article 15 of the Constitution, which reads:

"nor shall any money be drawn from the treasury without such consent [of the Legislative Assembly] except when between the sessions of the Legislative Assembly the emergencies of war, invasion, rebellion, pestilence or other public disaster shall arise, and then not without the concurrence of all the Cabinet and of a majority of the whole Privy Council; and the Minister of Finance shall render a detailed account of such expenditure to the Legislative Assembly."

There has been no war, invasion, rebellion, pestilence or other public disaster during the last period. The Privy Council has not authorized the expenditure of any of this money. The Minister of Finance has not rendered a detailed account of such expenditure to the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Rep. Castle, both reports were laid on the table to be considered with the Indemnity Bill. Rep. Castle asked the chairman of the Printing Committee about a new rule of the house that was ordered to be printed.

Minister Gibson promised his immediate attention to the matter.

Rep. Castle presented a report of the select committee on petitions for aid to schools, as follows:—

Hon. J. S. WALKER, President Legislative Assembly. Sir:—The Select Committee to which was referred 1st a petition presented by Hon. D. H. Nabahu from South Kona, Hawaii, praying that a new school house may be constructed at Alae. 2d a petition presented by Hon. S. W. Kaai from Kaupo, Maui, praying that an English school be established at that place, and 3d, a resolution introduced by Hon. A. P. Paehole that items of \$1,000 each be inserted in the Appropriation Bill for the construction of school houses at Kalaupapa and Halawa, Molokai; respectfully report as follows: While they regard it as perfectly proper for petitions of this character to be addressed to the Legislative Assembly, yet it would hardly be proper or consistent for the Assembly to do more than make recommendations to the Bureau of Education, unless indeed such dissatisfaction existed with said bureau as to induce the Legislature to enact laws compelling certain lines of action, and such dissatisfaction does not now exist.

With regard to the prayers of said petitions your committee find on examination that the school house in Alae is in sad need of repairs and that they should be made as soon as possible.

With respect to an English school in Kaupo, there are already three good Hawaiian schools at that place while there are but sixty children of school age more or less the expense and outlay necessary to establish and maintain an English school also would hardly be justifiable.

If however the three Hawaiian schools were discontinued material enough would exist for an English school. But it would involve the construction of a new school house and the employment of an English teacher, the consideration of the Board of Education to this matter is recommended.

Also school houses at both Kalaupapa and Halawa on Molokai would be of benefit to those districts for the buildings now there are small and inconvenient and hardly suited to the requirements of those places.

The matter of new school buildings and repairs has however been more fully treated by the Committee in another report and they therefore recommend that the said petitions and resolutions be laid upon the table, and that a copy of this report be transmitted by the clerk of the Assembly to the Board of Education.

W. R. CASTLE,
CHAS. R. BISHOP,
J. KAHAHANE,
S. W. KAAL.

Minister Gibson said it would be obvious why he did not sign the report, being President of the Board of Education, but it met with his cordial approval.

The report was laid on the table to be considered with the Appropriation Bill.

Rep. Brown presented the following question to the Minister of Finance:—

I hereby ask that His Excellency the Minister of Finance furnish this house in writing with the names of all tax collectors appointed during the last biennial period, who were in default or who failed to pay over all taxes collected by them within the time limited by law, with the names of such defaulting tax collectors, bondsmen and the amount of money made good by such bondsmen, and if any tax collector is still in default, the amount still unpaid and due to the Government.

RESOLUTIONS.

Minister Gibson read a first time an act to relieve certain articles of import from customs duties. The article are coconut products, shells, and South Sea goods generally. On suspension of the rules, the bill was read a second time by title. The introducer said it would be remembered that in his report as Minister of Foreign Affairs he had recommended that this trade be encouraged. As it was they were getting no duty from those things, but by making this a free port for this kind of goods they would make it an entrepot and a rendezvous for the trade. He moved the bill be referred to the select committee on tariff changes, which carried.

Rep. Kalua presented a resolution that the Judiciary Committee recommend that the petition of one Kunkau, for a royal patent to land, be granted; that the Secretary be instructed to get a copy of the survey of said land from the Government Survey, and give it to the Minister of Interior, so that the patent might issue.

Rep. Castle did not see that the recommendation of the committee constituted an authorization; but he would suggest that the Minister, before taking any steps, should make all due enquiry into the matter. Over in the Survey office all the particulars were filed.

The resolution passed. Rep. Kaunamano presented a resolution that the Secretary, before adjournment for the day, hand over all petitions, etc., on roads and bridges to the select committee on that subject. Carried.

Rep. Thurston, on suspension of the rules, presented a petition from eight persons in Maui, praying for \$6.25 each due them for working on the roads. The road Supervisor had been changed, and the new one did not feel obliged to recognize the claim. He moved the petition be referred to the Minister of Interior, which carried.

Rep. Kaunamano presented a resolution that \$500 be appropriated for rebuilding a bridge at Waihaka, South Kohala, carried away in a storm. Laid on the table for consideration with the Appropriation Bill.

Minister Gibson rose, as President of the Board of Education, to say that the examinations of the Government schools of the city were proceeding, and he desired to be present, and would like as many members as could go too. He had an invitation from Rev. Alex. Mackintosh to attend the examination of the Royal School to-morrow, and the Fort-street School exercises were taking place to-day. As about the most interesting portion of the examinations took place at 1 o'clock, he would suggest that when the house adjourned it should do so till 2 o'clock. What he asked for, however, was leave of absence a few hours for himself.

Rep. Kaulukou stated that, in addition to the reasons given, doubtless many of the members had important foreign correspondence awaiting them in the Post Office, and therefore he moved the house now (at 11:25) take recess till 2 o'clock. Carried.

There will be a Meeting of Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., THIS THURSDAY EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock, and Degree. Visiting brothers in good standing are cordially invited. By order of the W. M. F. JOHNSON, Secretary.
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